New LPG Bottling Plants

*295. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG bottling plants proposed to be set up by the Indian Oil Corporation in the near future and the places where these are to be located;

(b) what will be the proposed capacity of each plant and also the investment to be made for the setting up of these plants, plant-wise; and

(c) by when each of these plants is likely to be commissioned?

* THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c)

S.No.	Location of the bottling plant	Capacity (MTPA)	Anticipated date of commissioning	Approximate cost (Rs. in crore)
1	Tikrikalan Phase III (Delhi)	23,000	August, 1989	26.02 (including cost of phases I & II of the Plant).
2	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)	25,000	Original date-July, 1989, the revised date is being assessed.	41.06
3	Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh)	10,000	October, 1990	4.27
4	Cochin (Kerala)	25,000	24 months from land acquisition.	18.00
5	Calicut (Kerala)	10,000	18 months from land acquisition.	4.00
6	Silchar (Assam)	5,000	1991-92	7.27

Transporting of Maruti Vehicles by Private Carriers

*296. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Maruti Udyog Ltd. has shifted from Railways to private carriers for transporting its vehicles to various parts of the country even though the rates offered by the Railways are cheaper;

(b) if so, what are the comparatie rates of transportation offered by thev Railways and the private carriers; and

(c) what are the considerations which weighed with the company to shift to private carriers stating the manner in which the private carriers were selected/appointed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Since the inception of sales by Maruti the bulk of vehicles have been transported to the dealer cities by road while a